



## What is JSOC?

Jain Samaj of Colorado (JSOC) is a non-profit organization encouraging the doctrine and practices of Jainism. JSOC has around 50 active families in Colorado.

We gather at least once every month to learn and share teachings of Jainism, singing devotional hymns, in deep reverence of the TIRTHANKARS. Many kids study Jainism every week to pave their religious and spiritual journey in life.

We want to preserve our cultural values for future generations.  
\*\* Jainism \*\*

Jainism is derived from the word Jina which means the conqueror or the victorious. Jina means who conquers the five senses, destroys all the karmas, and attains Omniscience. The person who performs penances or yoga attains such a self-realization and omniscient knowledge or kevala jnana. After attaining self-realization and omniscience, the Jina spends the rest of his time in preaching the Dharma to the mass of human beings, which would enable the ordinary mortals to reach summum bonum of life. Because of this noble task of showing the path of spiritual realization or Moksamarga, Jina is also called TIRTHANKAR.

# DONATE TO THE SPIRITUAL FUTURE OF OUR KIDS



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JAIN SAMAJ OF COLORADO'S

# JAIN CENTER

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A common question every visitor to Colorado has is – ‘Do you have a temple that we can visit?’

The time has come for our dream to come true!! TEMPLE !! JSOC is growing and we have realized it’s time to actively pursue our own temple. Our goal is to find a place where we can do puja, and bhakti and have larger Jain events. Currently, these are done in houses, libraries or event halls and it is becoming increasingly difficult to accommodate all of our people in these facilities. The temple would serve all our sects of Jainism and will provide a platform to continue collaborating and following our core values.

Temple projects are significant undertakings both in terms of time and economics. Fortunately, after several searches, we have identified a few properties of about 3000 sq ft with market prices around \$845K to \$1million. We have raised about \$100K so far and tirelessly continuing our efforts to raise all the money needed to avoid having any sort of mortgage.

We are confident that with support from our Samaj (Community) and Colorado residents we will bring this dream to life very soon. With this purpose in mind, Our Community kindly requests your Sangh to contribute to this effort in any monetary way possible. The donations will be tax deductible. Please feel free to share this with your members.

We’d greatly appreciate your help in getting a temple in the central USA. Please note there is no Jain Temple in any of our neighboring states and would help many families get laabh here. For any questions, feel free to reach out to any of the committee members.

## JSOC Activities

1. A place to worship and celebrate our culture.
2. Host large events like Mahavir Janam Kalyanak.
3. Jain education which includes non-violence principle.
4. Community/Social work which supports Jain Principles.
5. Invite Scholars and Learned people.
6. Weekly gatherings.
7. Temple will be open to general public.

**We need your commitment.  
Please donate generously towards  
our present and future.**

# WHAT IS JAINISM

Jainism constitutes one of India’s classical religions. At the very heart of Jainism is an ethic of nonviolence, Ahimsa, which is respect for all living beings. Ahimsa continues to guide the daily lives of all Jains, who are vegetarians.

With its emphasis on the sanctity of all life, Jainism has influenced many including Mahatma Gandhi, the most revered nonviolent leader in the world. Though he was himself not a Jain, Gandhi imbibed the spirit of Jainism through his mother who practiced Jain values and sought guidance from Jain monks. In fact, in his own life Mahatma Gandhi learned the key practice of nonviolence, ahimsa, from Shrimad Rajchandra, a well respected Jain monk and Gandhi’s friend for over ten years.

## Core Principles

(Ahimsa) promotes the autonomy and reverence of life for every living being. If one understands and believe that every Soul is autonomous and exists in every living being, then one will never trample on its right to live. The practice of vegetarianism/veganism and refraining from violence comes from this principle. Jains are vegetarians and sometimes, vegans.

(Anekantavaad) strengthens the autonomy of thought of every individual. If one perceives every human being as thinking individual, one will not trample on their thoughts and emotions. Non-absolutism bestows understanding and open-mindedness towards others and recognizes that the real truth has multiple facets and may have seemingly conflicting perspectives.




(Aparigrah) supports the autonomy of self-control, of striving to balance our personal consumption of things by rationalizing between our needs and desires. If one ultimately feels that one owns nothing, then one will not trample on the ecology on which our survival depends.

## Relevance of Jain way of life

Jain scriptures composed more than 2,000 years ago describe in great detail many of the facts that modern science has demonstrated. Plants as living being, vegetarian diet, meditation, yoga, existence of atoms and molecules, as well as physics, mathematics, and astronomy are elaborately discussed in the Jain scriptures.




In Jainism, it is essential to realize the distinction between soul (jeev) and non-soul (ajeev). Previously bound karmas come to fruition and cause existence of our circumstances. Our passions of attachment and hatred together with action of body, mind and speech bind us with karma and keep us embodied in the world. Liberation and unconditional eternal happiness occurs upon complete annihilation of karmas from soul.

## WHAT YOU CAN DONATE

 Cash/Check	 Stock/Bond	 In Kind
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cash / check donations will be accepted in US dollars only</li><li>• Cash / check donation from individuals, families, charitable or private trusts</li><li>• Can be paid immediately or in agreed time with JSOC</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appreciated stock / mutual funds / securities publicly traded on major US stock exchange</li><li>• Through a giving account (Fidelity charitable)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Material in kind donations accepted e.g. land, construction materials etc.</li><li>• Donor will be responsible for valuation of goods</li></ul>

\*\*\*All JSOC cash/check donations are tax deductible.

## WAYS TO DONATE

 Paypal & CreditCard	 Zelle and Check (No Transaction Fee)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="mailto:jainsamajcolorado@gmail.com">jainsamajcolorado@gmail.com</a></li><li>• Check towards Jain Samaj of Colorado, 10744 Glengate Cir, Highlands Ranch, CO-80130</li></ul>

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**We plan to raise \$1 Million and continue pursuing our objective to build a Jain Center.**

RAISED	REMAINING	TARGET FUND	TARGET DATE
<b>\$84,000</b>	<b>\$916,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>31 Dec, 2023</b>

8.4%